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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 463
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A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Barbara Riggs upon
her selection as 2001 Tennessee Mother of the
Year.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those
citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community
leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, One such noteworthy person is Barbara Riggs who was recently selected
as the 2001 Tennessee Mother of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Through her role as a parent and her activism in her community, Mrs. Riggs
has demonstrated the finest characteristics of American motherhood and has served as a
steadfast anchor for her family and neighbors; and

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WHEREAS, She was nominated for the esteemed honor of 2001 Tennessee Mother of the Year by The Parents Association for the Rights of Educating Non-Traditional Students (PARENTS); and

WHEREAS, Barbara Riggs and her husband, David, during his twenty years of honorable military service, lived in Kansas, England, Texas, Florida and Knoxville (while her husband was stationed in Alaska); their daughter, Sande, attended eleven different schools by the time she reached the eleventh grade; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Riggs graciously and adeptly managed her family's many moves, making their home a joyful haven wherever they lived; she made sure Sande had positive experiences in the various places the family lived and she spent many hours reading with her daughter; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Riggs instilled in her daughter self-confidence, compassion for others, and the determination to accomplish her goals; currently, Sande lives in Azusa, California where she is working part-time with adults with disabilities and is attending school, with the goal of earning a Doctorate in Education; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman has always provided an outstanding model of charity and kindness for her daughter; wherever she has lived, she has been a vital and generous member of her community; she taught Sunday School for many years, even in England, and has been a volunteer in the schools; and

WHEREAS, After Mr. Briggs' much deserved retirement from the U.S. Air Force, Barbara and David Riggs settled in Knoxville; David Riggs began working as a policeman and Barbara Riggs, feeling that she could make a difference in her community, became active in local politics; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Riggs and her husband are devout members of the Broadway Baptist Church, where she was saved in 1982; she is the current Chairman of Mission Support of the Women's Mission Union; and

WHEREAS, Barbara and David Riggs serve with distinction as Co-Presidents of the Air Force Sergeants Organization which they helped found; they have also actively promoted music education in their community; David Riggs donates his time and considerable talents by playing the banjo for children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, In recent years, Barbara Riggs has helped take care of her father, who is now deceased, and her mother, who was a Merit Mother in 1982; she has also been a source of strength and encouragement for her husband who suffers from diabetes and has also had several heart attacks and strokes; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Riggs is a valuable and active member of the Tennessee Mothers Association of American Mothers; she has faithfully served on its Board in various capacities, as well as serving as Treasurer and President; and

WHEREAS, A highly respected member of her community, she has been honored in the past as a 1980 and 1985 Merit Mother; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Riggs epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Riggs is a shining example of strength, offering her family love, guidance, and the space to grow; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor those outstanding citizens, who through their efforts to preserve and strengthen the American Family, as the very foundation of our society, have distinguished themselves as role models; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Barbara Riggs upon her selection as the 2001 Tennessee Mother of the Year, commend her meritorious service to her family, her

community, and the State of Tennessee, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.